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1. DURING COURTESY CALL ON HEAD MFA LEGAL DEPARTMENT
AMBASSADOR GUSTAFSSON, LATER INFORMED ME FINLAND HAD TWO
MAIN CONCERNS IN LOS NEGOTIATIONS: ALAND ISLANDS STRAITS
AND DISTANT FISHERIES.

2. FINLAND CONSIDERS ITSELF BOUND BY 1921 ALAND ISLANDS
CONVENTION REGARDING PASSAGE OF WAR SHIPS THROUGH ALAND

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STRAITS AND PREVENTING LOS CONVENTION FROM REQUIRING

ALAND STRAITS TO BE OPENED TO PASSAGE OF WAR SHIPS
IS MAJOR FINNISH CONCERN. FINNS RECOGNIZED THAT SEA
LANE IN ALAND STRAITS IS ON SWEDISH SIDE OF BOUNDARY BUT
NOTE THAT WAR SHIPS MUST PASS THROUGH FINNISH TER-
RITORIAL WATERS TO REACH STRAITS PROPER. SWEDES SUP-
PORT FINNS ON THIS ISSUE. GUSTAFSSON SAID FINNS HAVE
DISCUSSED ALAND STRAIT ISSUE WITH SEVERAL MAJOR COUNTRIES,
INCLUDING US, BUT THAT ONLY SYMPATHETIC LISTENER SEEMED
TO BE BRITISH.

3. FINNS ALSO CONCERNED THAT GENERAL ADOPTION OF 200-
MILE OR SIMILARLY EXTENSIVE FISHING ZONE WILL CLOSE
PRACTICALLY ALL WATERS USED BY FINNISH FISHERMEN. WHILE
FINLAND CURRENTLY HAS ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF VESSELS
ENGAGED IN TRULY DISTANT FISHERIES (OUTSIDE THE BALTIC
IN THE NORTH SEA OR NORTHEAST ATLANTIC) FOREIGN MINISTRY
IS CONCERNED AT POSSIBLE LOSS OF IMPORTANT FISHERIES ON
SOVIET SIDE OF BALTIC OR AT CLOSING OFF FINNISH OPTIONS
TO EXPAND DISTANT FISHERIES.

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